

ADJOURNMENT MOTION

ಶ್ರೀ Students' Strike in Dharwar and Belgaum Districts

ಶ್ರೀ ವಾಟಾಳ್ ನಾಗರಾಜ್.—ನಿನ್ನೆ ದಿನ ಬೆಳಗಾಂ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮರಾಠಿ ಜನರು ಕನ್ನಡ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊಡೆದು ತೊಂದರೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಆ ದುರಂತದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಒಂದು ಹೇಳಿಕೆ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೇಳಿದ್ದೆವು.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಅವರು ಹೇಳಿಕೆ ಈಗ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಾರೆ.

Sri M. NAGAPPA (Raichur).—Sir, I had moved an adjournment motion with regard to the Student's disturbances in Hubli on 22nd and 23rd January and at Dharwar on 23rd January 1969.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is before me. The chair would like to know from the Hon'ble Chief Minister, whether he wants to make a statement on that situation also, and if Sri Nagappa is not satisfied by the statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, The chair will consider whether to give consent or not.

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I am prepared to make a statement.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—Sir, I have also given notice of an adjournment motion. The life of Marathi people is in danger. Police protection is given only to the Kannada people.

ಶ್ರೀ ವಾಟಾಳ್ ನಾಗರಾಜ್.—ಬೆಳಗಾಂ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕನ್ನಡ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಆಗಿರುವ ತೊಂದರೆ ಇನ್ನೆಲ್ಲೆಲ್ಲ ಆಗಿಲ್ಲ, ಮೊದಲು ಅವರಿಗೆ ರಕ್ಷಣೆ ಕೊಡಬೇಕಾದ್ದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯವಾಗಿದೆ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The motion of Sri B. B. Sayanak came to me only about half an hour back. Notice of Adjournment motion should be given according to the rules atleast two hours before the commencement of the sitting. Therefore, the hon'ble Member has not complied with the rules. I am not going to consider it today. I will consider it tomorrow and give a ruling.

† Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—In response to Notices given by hon'ble Members Sri D. B. Kalmankar and Sri M. Nagappa regarding student's disturbances at Talakwadi, Belgaum District, I beg to state as follows :

The Marathi students of R.P.D. College refused to attend their classes on 20-1-1969 as a protest against one group of students allegedly belonging to Kannada Section for having beaten a Marathi student on 18-1-1969. The Marathi students are reported to be insisting that the College authorities should make that group of Kannada students alleged to be responsible for the incident to tender apology. The local Police have taken all precautionary measures to prevent this incident brewing up into a major disturbance. The College authorities are also striving to bring about an amicable settlement. The situation is reported to be quite peaceful at Talakwadi and in Belgaum District. The Superintendent of Police, Belgaum has reported that no complaint has been lodged with the Police regarding alleged assault of the Marathi student by Kannada students. It is further reported that the Principal of the

R.P.D. College when contacted by the Police, refused to give any complaint or information and did not want any intervention by the Police in the College or even entry of Police into the College premises. The Police bundobust is being maintained only outside the premises of the College.

Sir, with your permission, I would like to make another statement regarding disturbances in Hubli on 22nd and 23rd January and at Dharwar on 23rd January 1969.

It is reported that on 22-1-1969 at 11-00 a.m. the students of Kadshiddeswar Arts College and Kotambari Science Institute, Hubli, went on a lightning strike protesting against the alleged bad treatment meted out to some Kannada students by Marathi students of Thalakwadi Govindram Sakkeriva Science College, Belgaum. They went in a procession shouting anti-Marathi slogans. Students of P. C. Jabbins Science College, Bhoomareddy Engineering College, Commerce College and of some schools also joined the procession, which gradually swelled to about 5,000. Some speakers addressed them condemning the high-handedness of the Marathi boys at Belgaum and thereafter the students and others dispersed. But a section of the students and others who passed through Mysore Stores Street Road attempted to take down some of the name boards written in Marathi. But the Police intervened. But when they were nearing a hotel called 'Alankar Hotel' some stones were pelted at them from a roof top near the hotel. The processionists retaliated by throwing stones on the building and some of the stones were directed at the hotel breaking some of the glass panes of the windows. However, police intervened and the procession continued towards the Marathi Mandal where their attempt to enter the building was foiled by the police. Finally they dispersed at about 3-30 p.m.

On 23-1-69 about 2,000 students of Hubli Colleges went on strike and took out a procession though the Superintendent of Police and the Principals of the Colleges tried to dissuade them from doing so. Other groups also joined the procession which swelled to about 6,000. The processionists wanted to pass through the shopping centres. As a clash between groups and breach of peace was apprehended if the procession was allowed to pass through the town, the Deputy Commissioner and the Superintendent of Police again appealed to the students to disperse. As they refused to do so and some indulged in stone throwing, the crowd was chased and dispersed after mild cane charge. A Section of the crowd collected again on the road and more persons joined this crowd. After repeated appeals by the Deputy Commissioner and the Superintendent of Police, the Assistant Superintendent of Police and the Principals of the various colleges, the students gradually dispersed. But about 2,000 school boys came out of their classes at about 2-00 p.m. and passed through the shopping centres and the Deputy Commissioner and the Superintendent of Police also followed them.

(SRI VEERENDRA PATIL)

At Dharwar, at about 10-00 A.M. on 23-1-69, about 2,000 students of local colleges went on strike and took out a procession through the main roads.

Developments are under watch and adequate bandhobast arrangements have been made under the direct supervision of the Deputy Commissioner and the Superintendent of Police who are on the spot.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Now, I want to know from the Hon. Members Sriyuths Nagappa and D. B. Kalmankar whether they press for their adjournment motions after this statement by the Hon. Chief Minister?

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR (Aland).—Sir, I am not pressing it.

Sri M. NAGAPPA.—Sir, I want to know from the Hon. Chief Minister, as to whether it is correct that the lathi charge has been made on innocent students and Police itself has provoked the boys?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—Sir, I have made a statement and in that statement I have made it very clear that Police have taken all precautions. I don't think the Police is responsible for provoking any situation. On the other hand, the Police are functioning with full responsibility and they are trying their best to establish law and order.

Sri M. NAGAPPA.—Sir, I do not press for my adjournment motion.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I am happy to note from the Hon. Members that they are not pressing their adjournment motions and the motions are dropped.

Sri S. S. ARAKERI (Balloli).—Can we take this reply given by the Chief Minister as applying to the Hubli incident?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I have already given a statement in detail.

Mr. SPEAKER.—This may be taken as a statement in response to all the notices.

ಶ್ರೀ ವಾಟಾಳ್ ನಾಗರಾಜ್.—ನನಗೆ ಬೆಳಗಾವಿನಿಂದ ಬಂದಿರತಕ್ಕ ವರದಿಯ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಅಲ್ಲರತಕ್ಕ ಕನ್ನಡಿಗರಿಗೂ ಮತ್ತು ಕನ್ನಡ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೂ ಬಹಳ ಅಪಾಯ ಉಂಟಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದೂ ಅಲ್ಲಗೆ ಪಹಾರಾಷ್ಟ್ರದಿಂದ ಮರಾಠೆಯವರು ಶಿವಸೇನೆಯನ್ನು ತಂದು ಬಹಳ ತೂಂದರೆಯನ್ನು ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆಂದೂ ತಿಳಿದು ಬಂದಿದೆ. ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ತಕ್ಕ ಬಂದೋಬಸ್ತನ್ನು ಮಾಡುವರೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎರೇಂದ್ರ ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಅಲ್ಲ ದಿವಜನ್ ಕಮಿಷನರಿದ್ದಾರೆ, ಡೆಪ್ಯುಟಿ ಕಮಿಷನರಿದ್ದಾರೆ, ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಸೂಪರಿಂಟೆಂಡೆಂಟರಿದ್ದಾರೆ; ಅನಿಸ್ಟೆಂಟ್ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಸೂಪರಿಂಟೆಂಡೆಂಟರೂ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಸಬ್ ಇನ್‌ಸ್ಪೆಕ್ಟರುಗಳೂ ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಇದ್ದಾರೆ. ಶಾಂತಿ ನಮ್ಮದಿಗೆ ಭಂಗಬಾರದಂತೆ ಎಲ್ಲ ಸೂಕ್ತ ಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನೂ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವಂತೆ ಅವರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—The Chief Minister said the situation is peaceful in Belgaum. According to my information the situation is tense in Belgaum. The Kannada boys marched towards a Marathi Education Institution. The Police had not taken any action against these boys. Some of the boys came there and ran away. Some of the

Kannadigas came and threatened me. This is the situation in Belgaum. The Minority groups have no protection in the Mysore State and their rights are not safeguarded. But the Chief Minister says that everything is all right and there is peace. But the fact is different. So, in protest and I stage a walk-out.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಏತಕ್ಕೆ ಹೊರಗಡೆ ಹೋಗುತ್ತೀರಿ? ಇರೋ ಇದ್ದು ಸರ್ಕಾರ ದವರು ಏನು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾರೆ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಕೇಳಬಹುದು. ಸಭಾತ್ಯಾಗ ಮಾಡುವುದರಿಂದೇನು ಪ್ರಯೋಜನ?

(The Hon. Member sat down)

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I am sorry for the statement made by the Hon Member. In my statement made just now, I have made it very clear how the Police Authorities and the Deputy Commissioner who were there on the spot, took proper action. Even from the College Authorities, no complaints have been received. The College Authorities have refused to lodge complaint and they said the Police should not enter the College premises and that they do not want any police help. In spite of that, we have made all the Police Bundobust outside the premises of the College. The Hon' Member is making a capital out of this.

Sri N. B. SIRDESAI (Khanapur).—This Government is partial towards the Kannada people. Therefore, I am also staging a walk out.

(Sriyuths B. B. Sayanak and N. B. Sirdesai then withdrew)

Personal Explanation by Sri H. Siddaveerappa on the statement of the Deputy Minister.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ಬೋರಯ್ಯ (ಸಾರಿಗೆ ಶಾಖೆಯ ಉಪಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು).—ನನಗೆ ಮೇಲ್ಕನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸವಿದೆ, ಅಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ನಾನು ಹೋಗಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಸಿದ್ಧವಿರಪ್ಪನವರು ಏನು ಹೇಳಬೇಕೆಂದಿದ್ದಾರೋ ಅದನ್ನು ನಾನು ಇಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಬಂದನಂತರ ಹೇಳಲಿ, ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ನಾನು ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಿದ್ಧನಾಗಿರುವೆನು.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is left for the hon. Deputy Minister to stay here or not. He may do whatever he likes.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Harihar).—I wish the Hon. Deputy Minister should be here when I am speaking. I do not want to make any statement behind his back. Therefore, it is better he should be here.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ಬೋರಯ್ಯ.—ನಾನೇನೋ ಈಗ ಹೋಗುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಅವರು ಏನು ಬೇಕಾದರೂ ಹೇಳಲಿ. ನಾನು ಇಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಬಂದಮೇಲೆ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ಬೋರಯ್ಯ.—ಆ ಸದನಕ್ಕೆ ಬೇರೆ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಹೋಗಬಹುದು, ಅವರದು ಜಾಯಿಂಟ್ ರೆಸಲ್ಟೇಷನ್ ಬಿಲಿ ಇದೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಈ ಉಪಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಈಗ ಇರೋ ಇದ್ದು ನಾನು ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಡುವ ಇಷ್ಟವಿದ್ದರೆ—ಇಲ್ಲವಾದರೆ ಬಿಡಲಿ. ನಾನು ಹೇಳತಕ್ಕದ್ದನ್ನು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is left to the Hon. Deputy Minister to do whatever he likes.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ಬೋರಯ್ಯ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಾದ ಸಿದ್ಧವಿರಪ್ಪನವರು ಮಾತನಾಡುವಾಗ ನಾನು ಇರಲೇ ಬೇಕೆಂದು ಅಪೇಕ್ಷೆ ಪಡುವುದಾದರೆ, ಈ ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸಿ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಲಿ. ಆಗ ನಾನು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಇದ್ದು ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಈಗ ನಾನು ಮೇಲ್ಕನಗೆ ಹೋಗಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ.